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SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" Since the price of yarn supplied to the primary societies from the Provincial Co-operative Society is higher than the price at which yarn is available in the local market, will the Government consider the question of allowing the primary societies to buy the yarn in the local market? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The prices of yarn are revised by the State Society as frequently as necessary, ordinarily once in a fortnight, to be on a par with the market price."

Harijan Welfare.

* 1722 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the expenditure incurred during the last three financial years on the various activities affecting Harijan Welfare.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

Pick-pocketing in Government bus.

* 1723 *Q.*—SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that on the complaint of one Sri Kuppuswamy Iyer for alleged pick-pocketing on 29th January 1955 in a bus from Mylapore to Customs House all the passengers in the bus were taken over to the Royapetta Police station and were searched by the Police?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Acting on the complaint of Sri Kuppuswamy Iyer that a Race Course Member's badge and an used envelope were missing from his shirt pocket, when he alighted from the bus at Royapetta bus stop, the bus was brought to the Royapetta Police station and a search was made for the stolen property inside the bus. The passengers co-operated with the Police and voluntarily alighted from the bus. The passengers were not searched but were only enquired."

Raja Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar Lying-in Hospital.

* 1724 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri A. Ratnam who gave notice of the question is not in his seat, the answer together with the question will be printed in the official proceedings. This applies to question No. 1726 also."

SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average strength of in-patients last year in the Raja Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar Lying-in Hospital, Madras;

(*b*) the sanctioned bed-strength of maternity ward in the buildings constructed newly at Robinson Park for the Raja Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar Lying-in Hospital;

(*c*) the cost of construction of the new buildings; and

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(*d*) how the old buildings of the hospital are to be used?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 178, Sir.

" (*b*) The hospital has not yet been shifted to its new premises. The present bed-strength of the hospital is 162.

" (*c*) The estimated cost of the work is Rs. 30·50 lakhs.

" (*d*) It is proposed to hand over the old buildings of the hospital to the Stanley Hospital, Madras, for the use of the Radiology department of the hospital."

Beggar Homes in Madras City.

* 1726 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on Government Beggar Homes in the City of Madras in 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Rupees one lakh and six thousands nearly."

Shifting of Co-operative Deputy Registrar's Office, Kasargod to Mangalore.

* 1727 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to shift the office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Kasargod Circle, to Mangalore; and

(*b*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir."

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Complaint against Headmaster, Board High School, Bhavani.

* 1729 *Q.*—SRI N. MAHALINGAM (on behalf of Sri B. K. Nallaswami) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the President, Coimbatore District Board, Coimbatore, has sent a complaint against the Headmaster, Board High School, Bhavani, to the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of the complaint?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No complaint was received from the President, District Board, Coimbatore. But a complaint was received from a District Board Member regarding alleged misappropriation of money."

Tank for Mangalapuram.

* 1723 *Q.*—SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any estimate for the formation of a tank at Mangalapuram in Rasipuram taluk, Salem district, is pending with the Government;